

Child Passenger Safety



Best practice guidelines prescribed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):

	INFANTS	TODDLERS	YOUNG CHILDREN	OLDER CHILDREN
AGE AND WEIGHT	Birth to at least 1 year and at least 20-22 lbs.	Over 1 year and between 20-40 lbs.	Over 40 lbs. until at least 8 years old and approximately 4'9"	At 8 years and older or taller than 4'9"
TYPE OF SEAT	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Convertible: rear-facing or forward-facing	Belt positioning booster or seat with harness designed for more than 40 lbs.	Safety belt
METHOD OF SECURING CHILD	<p>Rear-facing only</p> <p>Harness straps at or below shoulder level</p> <p>Harness chest clip at armpit level</p>	<p>Use rear-facing convertible until seat weight limits are outgrown, with harness straps at or below shoulders</p> <p>Forward-facing: harness straps at or above shoulders and always in reinforced slots</p> <p>Harness chest clip at armpit level</p>	<p>Forward-facing</p> <p>Belt positioning booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lap belt should fit low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area• Shoulder belt should fit snug crossing the chest and shoulder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit all the way back on the vehicle seat• Knees bend at seat edge comfortably• Shoulder belt lies on the shoulder or collarbone• Lap belt lies on the upper legs or hips <p>Be sure your child can maintain that correct seating position for as long as you are in the car. If not, they still need a booster seat.</p>
	<p>Read your child safety seat's instructions and vehicle owner's manual.</p> <p>All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.</p>			

Only **1** out of **10** Nebraskans are getting it right, are you?

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